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SUBJECT: OAS REFORM: MEXICAN AMBASSADOR COMMENTS ON ITS
SIGNIFICANCE

1. IN AN INTERVIEW CARRIED IN "EXCELSIOR" FEB 24, AND DATE-
LINED WASHINGTON, MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO OAS RAFAEL DE LA
COLINA HIGHLIGHTED WHAT HE CONSIDERED TO BE REFORM EFFORTS
MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS: GUARANTEE OF IDEOLOGICAL PLUARLISM, RE-
AFFIRMATION OF POLITICAL SELF-DETERMINATION, AND CREATION
"FOR FIRST TIME IN THE WORLD" OF CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHING
A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. OTHER IMPORTANT INTER-
NATIONAL JURIDICAL PRINCIPLES WERE ALSO BEING ESTABLISHED,
HE SAID, INCLUDING FULL SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES OVER NATURAL
RESOURCES, RECOGNITION OF THE ROLE OF WORKERS IN CREATION
AND DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH; AND GENERAL RESTRICTIONS AGAINST
COLLECTIVE INTERVENTION WHEN IT INFRINGES UPON NATIONAL SOV-
EREIGNTY OR INVOLVES MATTERS RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY TO STATES.

2. DE LA COLINA THEN DWELT AT LENGTH ON TREATY OF ECONOMIC
SECURITY WHICH HE SAID WAS DESIGNED TO REINFORCE CONCEPT OF
JURIDICAL EQUALITY. COMPARING IT TO RIO TREATY, HE SAID ECO-
NOMIC SECURITY PRINCIPLE WAS SIMILAR TO THAT OF RECIPROCAL
MILITARY SECURITY, WHEREBY AGGRESSION AGAINST ONE STATE
OBLIGES OTHERS TO COME TO ITS DEFENSE AND TO TAKE ACTION
AGAINST THE AGGRESSOR. HE NOTED THAT ESSENTIALLY THESE SAME
PRINCIPLES WERE CONTAINED IN CERDS, BUT THAT DUE TO ITS BEING
A U.N. RESOLUTION THAT DOCUMENT LACKED BINDING CHARACTER. IN
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PRESENT CASE, HOWEVER, INCLUSION OF PRINCIPLES IN A SIGNED

AND RATIFIED TREATY DOCUMENT WOULD IMPLY AN OBLIGATORY COMMITMENT AND WOULD EXPOSE THOSE WHO FAILED TO LIVE UP TO IT TO SPECIFIC SANCTIONS.

3. IN GENERAL, SAID DE LA CONINA, REFORMS MEANT THAT OAS WAS MOVING CLOSER TO GOAL OF GENUINE COLLABORATION, EVEN THOUGH SOME COUNTRIES WERE STILL OPPOSED TO CERTAIN CHANGES. HE RECALLED THAT WHEN RIO TREATY WAS REFORMED, U.S. HAD ANNOUNCED ITS OPPOSITION AT THE OUTSET AND WARNED IT WOULD RESIST LATIN INITIATIVES (IMPLYING U.S. HAD EVENTUALLY CHANGED ITS MIND AND GONE ALONG WITH MAJORITY IN THAT INSTANCE AND PROBABLY WOULD IN THIS ONE TOO).

4. DE LA COLINA SAID HE EXPECTED CHARTER REFORMS TO GAIN FINAL APPROVAL AT A MEETING IN LIMA IN NOVEMBER.
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